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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP, CE

SUBJ: MEETING WITH SRI LANKA'S FOREIGN MINISTER

1. SUMMARY. I KNOW HOW HARD PRESSED YOU ARE BY CRUEL TIME PRESSURES; NEVERTHELESS I HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO FIND AT LEAST FIFTEEN MINUTES TO MEET NEW FOREIGN MINISTER HAMEED FROM SRI LANKA IN NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON WHEN HE ATTENDS UNGA. END SUMMARY.

2. NEW GOVERNMENT CAME TO POWER 23 JULY IN PART AS RESULT OF POPULAR BACKLASH TO MRS. BANDARANAIKE'S PERSONALITY CULT WHICH DREW HEAVILY ON HER WELL-ADVERTISED LEADERSHIP OF THIRD WORLD. (SRI LANKA WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE NON ALIGNED MOVEMENT IN 1976 AND WILL BE SUCCEDED BY CUBA IN 1979.) NEW GOVERNMENT IS UNDERSTANDABLY HESITANT ABOUT CONTINUING SRI LANKA'S ACTIVE ROLE IN NON ALIGNED AFFAIRS.

3. IT IS IN U.S. INTEREST THAT NEW SRI LANKAN GOVERNMENT EXERCISE ITS MODERATE INFLUENCE IN NON ALIGNED MOVEMENT, PARTICULARLY IN VEIW OF ORDAINED CUBAN SUCCESSION. NOTHING WOULD BE MORE LIKELY TO ACHIEVE THIS THAN A CONVERSATION BET-
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WEEN HAMEED AND YOURSELF ALONG THE LINES OF YOUR REMARKS TO ME IN REGARD TO SRI LANKA'S ROLE AMONG THE NON ALIGNED.

4. WARM PERSONAL REGARDS.
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